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Correspondence,
1932-1973

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Box 7
Incoming Informal, 1954

To and from Louis Morton, 14 January 1954

Very interesting correspondence on Japan appraisal of Leyte.

Dear Rafe. U.N. Delegation, Admiral Rip Struble, 10 November 1954. Comment on Kinkaid at Leyte.

Cancelled letter to Admiral Carney on study of naval warfare, undated.

Dear Rafe. ComCruDiv3, Rear Admiral Ralph Wilson, 15 November 1954. Comment on command at Leyte and Halsey's methods--"Strategic" but not "Tactical" command.

U.N. Delegation, Admiral Struble
Senior officers killed on his flagship USS NASHVILLE,
December 1944, near Mindoro.

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NAVAL WAR COLLEGE
NEWPORT, R. I.

January 14, 1954

Dear Dr. Morton:

I have been wondering whether your section, in researching for the Army History of the Battle for Leyte Gulf, has uncovered any information on the Japanese Army which would either support or discount their claims in post-war accounts that they (Japanese Army GHQ) were unduly influenced by the Navy's fantastic claims of damage to Halsey's fleet in the Battle off Formosa. Although I am writing the naval analysis, I consider it very pertinent to the discussion if the Japanese Army was influenced to change its plans by these false claims.

I have some information from Japanese Army sources which indicates that these claims of damage led them to believe that the Allies were attempting the Leyte landing without adequate carrier air support. With land bases too far removed to support the landing, the above sources state that this factor made it very advantageous for them to fight the decisive land battle at Leyte instead of waiting for the invasion of Luzon as had been previously planned. As you remember, the Japanese Army had planned to defend Leyte--or any other landing point outside Luzon--with the defense forces already there, and did not intend to land major reinforcements.

Information recently translated by Mrs. Tanaka makes it impossible for me to accept the above explanation without further considerably more documentary evidence. Japanese Army Headquarters recorded in their "Daily Record of the War Situation" that on October 19th they had intelligence information locating "twenty-eight large carriers, fourteen small carriers, and forty escort carriers off the Philippines." In addition, we have a dispatch sent by Commander FIFTH Base Air Force (FIRST Air Fleet) in the Philippines shortly after noon on October 19th and reporting contacts on Allied forces made earlier on that date. These contacts include twenty-one carriers (sixteen large and five escort carriers). Thus, if the Army intelligence report on large and small carriers were accepted as only one-third correct it would indicate an Allied carrier strength considerably in excess of that expected by either the Army or the Navy. This fact taken with the contacts reported on October 19th,

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the day before the landing, could only have indicated that few if any Allied carriers had been destroyed and that the Japanese had lost the air battle off Formosa without question. The reasons given in the Japanese Army Monograph and in Colonel Hattori's history for the October 20th decision to change the plan are therefore not supported by the facts available. MacArthur's history gives this date as October 18th. This, of course, is also not supported by the facts because at that time there had been no confirmation that Leyte was to be the Allied major landing point. Actually at this time (October 18th) CinC Southern Army reported to Imperial General Headquarters (Army Section) (Daily Record of the War Situation) that he thought that the Allied operation off Leyte were (1) a reconnaissance in force or (2) a blockade of Leyte. It was not until October 19th that Allied transports were observed closing Leyte and set the pattern for the Leyte landing as a major Allied landing point.

As for Colonel Hattori, I also have extracts from his original records made at Imperial General Headquarters, obtained through Captain Ohmae, which record a different story on dates and times than that in his history. Therefore, it seems that Colonel Hattori's history is not even correct when compared with his own basic data and that his history is biased--at least on this point.

I am enclosing herewith a draft of what, at the present time, appears to be correct. The sources of information are indicated in the draft. I would very much appreciate your comments and any data you may have uncovered which would tend to vitiate this analysis.

It was nice to talk to you on the telephone. I hope you did not object to my calling you at your home but my time in Washington was short--my needs pressing.

With best regards, and with keep appreciation of your many courtesies, I am, as ever,

Sincerely yours,



R.W. BATES

Encl/

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J. LACEY REYNOLDS

CORRESPONDENT

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January 19, 1954

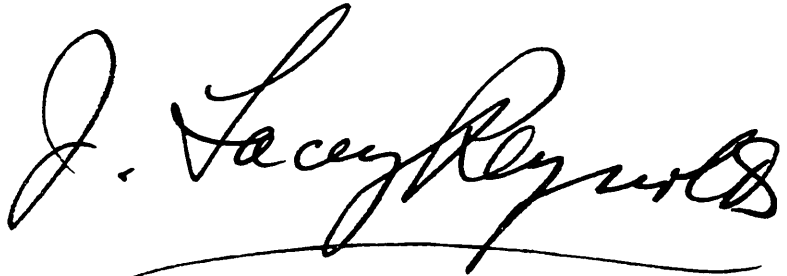
Dear Commodore Bates:

Friends of Captain Walter Karig, USN, will hold a reception in his honor on the occasion of his being retired from the military service.

Of course, you know of his accomplishments in newspapering and his assistance to press-radio-TV-magazines-books while in the service over the past 14 years.

The date is January 26, 5:30 to 7:30. National Press Club auditorium. \$4.00 per person. You may send your checks to me in advance, or pay at the door.

J. Lacey Reynolds

A large, stylized handwritten signature of J. Lacey Reynolds in cursive script, with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Chairman of the Friends-of-Karig
Who want him properly piped
Over the side.

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NAVAL RECORDS MANAGEMENT CENTER
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MECHANICSBURG, PA.

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NRMCMEL:vj
19 Jan 1954

From: Director, Naval Records Management Center
To: Director of Naval History
Department of the Navy
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
Washington 25, D. C.

Subj: SEVENTH Fleet Records; request for documents from

Ref: (a) CNO ltr Op-292A/aps Ser. 1806 of 5 Jan 1954

1. This Center has had several requests from the Naval War College for records covering the Battle for Leyte Gulf. As a result of those requests, each for specific data, we have searched the records of Commander SEVENTH Fleet and ComSubSoWesPac and extracted all records for the Leyte operation and forwarded them to the War College.
2. We have again reviewed those records pursuant to reference (a). We have not located anything to add to the records already in the custody of the War College. The records do not contain any digest such as that described in the letter of the War College.
3. Since we have sent the War College all of the dispatches covering the period involved, October 1944, as well as OpPlans and Action Reports and miscellaneous files concerning the operation, we are at a loss to know what records we can transmit to your office in compliance with reference (a). We have approximately 500 cubic feet of ComSeventh Fleet records and 150 cubic feet of ComSubSoWesPac. These records cover the period 1938 to 1945. Many of the file folders cover several years and do not lend themselves to segregation by a particular year. It is requested that we be informed whether or not the Director considers it advisable to have any of these records forwarded to his office.
4. Records of CincPac for 1944 formerly in our custody were transferred to the Naval Records Management Center, Alexandria, Va. We believe they were transferred there primarily for the use of your office and it is presumed they will be searched for the data requested in reference (a).

/s/ M. E. LYNCH
M. E. LYNCH
By direction

- C O P Y -

ENCLOSURE (2)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO
Pers-Cla-tlj
22 Jan 1954

Dear Commodore:

It was a pleasure to see you during your last visit.

I have not yet finished Volume I of the Leyte Gulf action, but hope to do so this weekend, and will return it afterward. Incidentally, the plate of the operating areas of Leyte Gulf certainly will be an aid in following the actions better.

Further information on 1100 officers available indicates that Captain W. M. Foster is no longer available to you for consideration. Captain Roby states in addition to Commander Titus, the following are now available for your consideration.

Captain M. Halstead (now at NWC)
Captain R. A. Wolverton (now at NWC)
✓ Captain F. P. Mitchell
Captain Ira McMillian

I do not believe the latter two are graduates of the War College.

I have contacted the Aviation Liaison desk and they have no nominees for Commander Booker's relief right now, but will let me know as soon as names do come up.

Also, I have not located your distribution letter in CNO, but will send you a progress report on this and other items early next week.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

K. B. Nutting
K. B. NUTTING
Captain, USN

Commodore R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF MILITARY HISTORY
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

25 January 1954

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Commodore R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

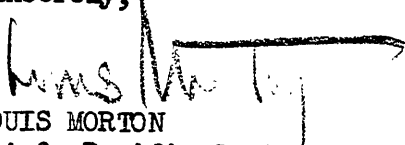
Dear Commodore Bates:

We have all read with interest the chapters you sent and have discussed them with considerable heat. I am afraid, however, we can throw no light on the subject. We are inclined to accept your reasoning and feel that your explanation is more plausible than the one customarily offered. Unfortunately, none of us has the research into the primary records that would be required to make any meaningful comments. I am afraid none of this is of any help to you but it's the best we can do.

For myself I am entirely in sympathy with your point of view and feel strongly that it has a sound basis. I cannot reinforce that view by reference to documentation.

With best wishes and the hope that your work will get the wide reading it deserves, I remain,

Sincerely,


LOUIS MORTON
Chief, Pacific Section

*Chap. II, VI + VIII
Returned to
copies.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

26 January 1954

Dear Commodore,

In follow up of our conversation concerning staff reliefs at the War College I am listing below the officers we discussed as most-likely prospects with a resume' of their past duties:

CDR FRANK G. REYNOLDS - 77694/1310; XR-37; 4 years University of Washington, majored in advertising. Presently NAVATT Finland; Junior Course, NWC, '42.

<u>S E A</u>			<u>S H O R E</u>		
11/37- 9/38	VP-10	Asst. Comm.	10/36-11/37	NAS Pensa.	Flt Trng.
9/38- 6/42	VP-20,44, 61,82	Material, Comm. Off.	6/42-12/42	NWC	Junior Course
8/43- 8/44	Staff, COM FAIR SOUTH	Personnel	12/42- 8/43	Jacksonville	NAOTC Staff
10/44- 3/46	VPB-120	C. O.	8/44-10/44	NAS Hutchin- son	Flt.Trng.
6/48- 6/50	USS LEYTE	Air Off.	3/46-11/46	NAS Hutchin- son	Supt Av. Trng.
6/52-Present	NAVATT Finland		12/46- 6/47	COMNATS Staff	Asst Eng. Off.
			7/47- 6/48	Line School	Student
			6/50- 5/52	BUSHIPS	Carrier Section

CDR HARRY B. STOTT - 81206/1310; NA '38; attended Armed Forces Staff College, '47; Presently Staff, CINCNELM.

<u>S E A</u>			<u>S H O R E</u>		
7/38- 9/39	BOISE	Gun, Comm, Navigator	10/40- 2/42	NAS Pensa.	SNA
10/39- 9/40	BARNEY	Gun, Eng, 1st LT.	6/45- 6/47	NAF Annapolis	Exec, VN8D5 and NAF Annapolis
3/42- 6/43	VP-94	Nav, Comm	8/47-1/48	AFSC, Norfolk	Student
7/43- 5/44	FAW-16	Gun, Tactics	10/49- 5/52	USNA Annapolis	Instr.
6/44- 5/45	VPB-45	C. O.			Dept. M.E.
3/48- 9/49	GARDINERS BAY	Executive Officer			
7/52-Present	CINCNELM	Op. Trng. & Read.			

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CDR ELMAR S. WARING, Jr. - 82446/1310; NA '39; Presently in Armed Forces Staff College.

S E A

6/39- 1/40 OKLAHOMA Div J O
2/40- 5/41 CUSHING Comm Off
6/42- 8/42 WASP VS-71
10/42- 4/43 LEXINGTON VB-16
5/43-11/43 YORKTOWN VB-1
12/43-10/44 GAMBIER Asst Air
12/46- 4/48 MIDWAY Asst Air
8/50- 2/52 MISSOURI Stf CCL
AIRPAC
7/52- 8/53 SICILY C.O.
VS-25

S H O R E

1/45-11/46 NAS Norfolk Ops Off
8/48- 5/50 NAS Pensacola Ops Off
2/54-Present AF Staff College Student

CDR ROBERT S. DAIL - 85192/1310; NA '40, P.G. Aerology; attended Armed Forces Staff College '51; Presently Staff, COMAIRPAC.

S E A

6/40-10/42 TENNESSEE Gun
12/43- 3/45 VP Ron PPC
3/46- 9/49 VR Ron PC/XO
2/52- 5/52 AIRPAC Indoc.
5/52- 9/53 VP-46 C. O.
9/53-Present AIRPAC Staff

S H O R E

10/24- 6/43 NAS Pansa. Flt Trng.
6/43-12/43 NAS Jax. Flt & Inst.
3/45-3/46 USNA PG School
9/49- 8/51 NAS Whidby Ops. Off.
8/51- 2/52 Norfolk AFSC

CDR JOSEPH C. ZIRKLE, Jr. - 100124/1310; NA '41; Command and Staff Course, NWC, '51-'52; Presently Staff, COMAIRPAC.

S E A

2/41- 3/42 CALIF. Gunnery
5/42- 9/43 MASS. Gunnery
7/44-10/45 GUAM Gunnery
6/47-10/49 VA-24 XO & CO
8/52- 8/53 VS-23 C. O.
9/53-Present COMAIRPAC Staff

S H O R E

6/36- 6/37 Washington USNR - Seaman
7/37- 2/41 Annapolis Midshipman
10/43- 6/44 NAS Dallas Flight
NAS Pensa. Training
11/45- 6/47 Trng. Comd. Flight
11/49- 8/51 NATC, PAX Rvr. Refresher
Asst Ops Off.
SpecServOff.
Admin Off.
8/51- 6/52 NWC Newport C & S Course

CDR JOHN H. CALDWELL - 85021/1310; NA '40; Armed Forces Staff College, '51; Presently O-in-C VR-8 detachment in GUAM.

S E A

6/40- 8/42 RANGER Eng., Gunn.
9/42- 9/43 DENVER Gunn.
12/45- 5/47 HAW SEA FRON Staff
5/47- 7/47 FAW-2 FFT
8/47-10/47 FAW-4
10/47- 4/49 VP-32 X. O.

S H O R E

10/43- 1/44 NAS Dallas Primary Flt Trng
1/44- 8/44 NATB Pensa. Inst. Flt Trng.
9/44- 1/45 Pensacola Photo School
2/45- 4/45 Pensacola Flt. Refresher
4/45- 7/45 NAS Jax. Op Flt Trng.
7/45- 8/45 NAS S.Diego VD Squadron

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CDR JOHN H. CALDWELL - 85021/1310 (Continued)

S E A

2/52- 8/52 MATS PAC Staff
9/52- 7/53 VR-8,VR-7 Pilot
9/53-Present VR-8 O-in-C

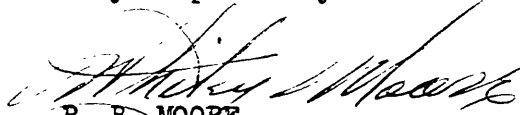
S H O R E

8/45-12/45 NAS S. Diego Air Off School
4/49- 5/49 NAS S. Diego FFT
6/49- 5/51 Annapolis Inst. USNA
8/51-11/51 AFSC Student

Of the above, STOTT and WARING appear to be the best qualified by virtue of their background of assignments.

I sincerely trust suitable reliefs can be chosen from the above. We have reviewed every graduate and, as we discussed with you, they are either in important assignments at present or are due for assignments which are considered critical to their career advancement.

Very respectfully and sincerely,


R. B. MOORE

COMMODORE R. W. BATES, USN
U. S. Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO
Pers-Cla-tlj
27 Jan 1954

Dear Commodore:

I have just made another check with Pers B and have determined that they were on the verge of ordering Commander Titus to you for duty.

I related to them your thoughts with regard to this assignment which were, I believe, that you had no objection to Titus except that his physical difficulty may require early detachment. I have been assured by Pers B that if orders are given to Titus to report to you, he will not be ordered before a Medical Board. In other words, as long as he is on shore duty he will remain with you for as long as you care to have him. Please let me know if this arrangement is satisfactory, as I have asked Pers B to hold up orders to Titus until I have checked with you.

Because of a sudden trip to Cleveland, I have been unable to finish Volume I of the Leyte Gulf action; but the farther along I get into it, the more interesting I find it. I hope to finish it and put it in the mail at the end of this week.

With very kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

K. L. Nutting
K. L. NUTTING
Captain, USN

Commodore R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO
Pers-C-ams
28 Jan 1954


Dear Commodore:

In compliance with your request that I review Commander Marinke's record and advise as to the suitability of his new assignment, I have done just that. I find that he has more than sufficient sea duty for an officer of his rank and hence can consider himself fully qualified before any selection board in this respect.

The assignment to CINCFE staff is a very good one. The job requires an officer of Marinke's capabilities, preferably one who has had some War College background and is of very high level. This is not NAVFE but the Joint Command, CINCFE in Tokyo. I am sure that Marinke will find it challenging and rewarding and I do not hesitate to recommend that he feel not only flattered but also very fortunate to have this assignment. Service on this Joint Staff should also enhance his prospects for promotion.

I don't know what the present situation in Tokyo is regarding quarters, etc., but my recollection is that all members of CINCFE's Staff have quarters and can take their dependents with them. Having served considerable time in the Far East since the war, I consider such duty as very choice. Again, I most heartily recommend that Marinke accept this assignment as a challenging and a rewarding one.

Very sincerely,


H. O. LARSON
Rear Admiral, USN

Commodore R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
U. S. Naval War College
Newport, R. I.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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IN REPLY REFER TO
Pers-Cla-tlj
8 Feb 1954

Dear Commodore:

Orders are being issued for Captain Titus and should be received before too long.

However, I ran into a bit of a snag with regard to your request for another officer, a commander. It seems that considering all prospective receipts and losses of officers, the War College as a whole will be filled up to allowance, indicating that some other department probably has some in excess; which adds up, primarily, to a question of internal adjustment. Perhaps there is some error in such thinking at this end and, if so, would appreciate a words from you.

Still have no word from Aviation Detail on prospective reliefs, but will continue to keep my ear to the ground.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

K. L. Nutting
K. L. NUTTING
Captain, USN

Commodore R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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IN REPLY REFER TO
Op-29B/njl

2 March 1954

Commodore R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport
Rhode Island

Dear Commodore:

Admiral Heffernan is of the belief that you asked
for a copy of the Mechanicsburg letter. I enclose it
herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

SAMUEL G. KELLY
Captain USN
Asst. Director of Naval History

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IN REPLY REFER TO
Op-29/pam

9 March 1954

Commodore R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport
Rhode Island

Dear Rafe:

This is no solution for your immediate problem, but it will help the general situation.

Please write a letter for the signature of the President of the War College and submit it to him, in which you recount the difficulties in attempting to obtain material from Mechanicsburg.

The letter should be addressed to CNO and you might recommend that CNO take steps to bring into the Navy Department's Classified Operational Archives all of the high level flag files which are now located at Mechanicsburg and other records centers.

Very sincerely,

JOHN B. HEFFERNAN
Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)
Director of Naval History (Op-29)

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FINCA PAISANA
South Merritt Island, Box 60, Route 1
Cocoa, Florida

10 March 1954.

Rear Admiral
R. W. Bates, USN (Ret)
U. S. Naval War College,
Newport, R.I.

Dear Bates —

Was very glad to receive
your letter of 26 February,
with request for a photograph
of me taken at time of
Savo Island Battle —

Regret that I have no photo
taken at that time, but have
found one in Gray's farm
taken in 1944 — which might
fill the bill — I am enclosing
it herewith —

I'm glad to hear that you
are working on Savo Island
Battle and hope that you
have been able to get all
the required data —

Some time in 43 or 44, at
suggestion of my good friend
Admiral Kalbfur, I sent in
a special report on Savo
Island to Opnav, for use by
Sammy Jim Parker — who was
then engaged in compilation

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of War history. - Then in '46 or '47,
after we had gotten Japanese
interrogations, at suggestion of
Admiral Furlong I had a
session with Sam Morison, and
prepared a special report
for him - Morison did not
see fit to use any of data
I gave him in his book -

I believe I have copies of
both papers in my files, to
if you should desire to
look them over -

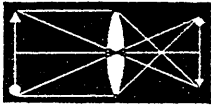
Enjoyed seeing you at the
Yacht Club with Billy Bawne.
Hope you are all having
a fine time - and not
too much cold and snow
in Newport -

Very Sincerely,

F. L. Reptable

P.S/ Hope see result of your
labours on completion -

If you find yourself in these
parts of Florida hope you
will drop in and take
"look see" - F.L.R.



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March 10, 1954

Admiral Richard W. Bates, U S N (Ret)
U. S. Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates:

We are currently in the midst of finishing layouts for the entire Third Phase of Savo Island. We would like to check them with you when we have them finished, before going into the final artwork. They should be finished this week so I will call you Friday to set up a meeting, if it is possible at this time.

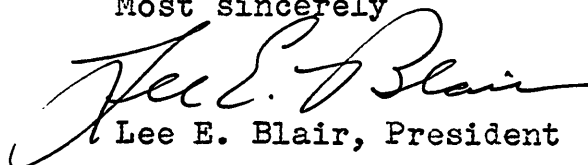
The Joint Chiefs of Staff set up is being changed because of our black tie on McArthur so we will plan to work in, at the same time, the new Army Air Forces title as you indicated in your letter received today.

We have not sent the new portraits as they are just being completed so possibly we could keep them here for our next meeting.

G.I. Johnson found a picture of Captain Reifkohl and is getting a picture of Capt. Bode from the officers jacket at Bu. Pers. so we should, by the next meeting, have everyone accounted for in picture form.

I shall telephone Friday to setup some dates for the next conference.

Most sincerely


Lee E. Blair, President

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO
Op-341/rgs

MAR 16 1954

Dear Commodore Bates,

Thank you for your letter of the 12th and the full description of the analyses of certain battles.

All material for Combat Readiness magazine is carefully reviewed, and gets a final approval from ACNO (Readiness), RADM Schindler. Any article based on these analyses will be considered in the light of your cautions, and we will make sure that nothing appears that should not be read by all who have access to the magazine. It is classified Confidential, so is kept within strict limits, but by its nature is seen by more persons than are other types of confidential material. I would appreciate it, therefore, if you would send me these analyses.

The films sound very interesting and I will look into the question of having them shown.

With appreciation of your information and assistance,

Sincerely,

V. Havard, Jr.
Captain, U. S. Navy
Head of Fleet Training & Readiness Branch

Commodore R. W. Bates, USN
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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March 24, 1954

Commodore R. W. Bates (USN Ret.)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates:

We are enclosing a drawing and photo of Captain F. L. Riefkohl for your approval. Please let us know as soon as possible if it is alright to use this drawing.

We received your letter of March 22 and spoke with Colonel Huff of General MacArthur's office who checked and found that in August, 1942 General MacArthur wore four stars on both sides of his collar.

We are getting Phase II finished up and will contact you next week to set up a date for the next meeting to view the entire Phase I and II.

Most sincerely,

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Lee E. Blair
Lee E. Blair, President

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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IN REPLY REFER TO

Op-54/syw

30 Mar 1954

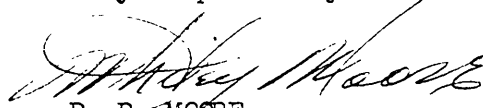
Dear Commodore,

CDR BOWKER's getting the assignment that he wants (VR-24) is due entirely to your generosity in letting him go in time to make the schedule. I appreciate your assistance, greatly.

CDR WARING has been ordered and his ETA is early July. CDR HINDMAN has been proposed to COMAIRLANT for a CAG. Admiral BALLENTINE personally passes on all of his squadron and air group commanders. The Admiral hasn't been well lately and that probably explains why HINDMAN hasn't received any dope.

Very best regards, Commodore, it was good to hear from you again.

Very respectfully and sincerely,


R. B. MOORE
CAPT, USN

Commodore R. W. BATES, U. S. Navy
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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2 April 1954

Dear Commodore Bates,

My apologies for not having written sooner, but thought it better to comply with your request than not comply and answer, so I checked to find that Mrs. Tanaka has been cleared for "confidential" material and arranged for her to see the movie.

All went well on that score, except that I was unable to get over to see it again myself. Too much business going on here with galley for Volume IX expected momentarily.

I am going on two weeks active duty starting 12 April, so must start reducing to enable me to fit the old uniform. My duty will be in Photo Interp. course given at Anacostia. Am looking forward to it as the course is highly touted.

Are you planning a visit to D.C. soon? Have an idea or two I'd like to discuss with you, so let us know in advance if and when you are coming and I'll make sure to be on hand.

As always,

Roger.

Roger Pineau
CNO, Op-291-0
Navy Department
Washington 25, D.C.

Commodore R. W. Bates USN
Naval War College
Newport, R.I.

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PETER TARE NEWSLETTER

PETER TARE, INC.
A MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION
Vol. VII No. 2

April 1954

P.O. BOX 1778
GRAND CENTRAL STATION
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

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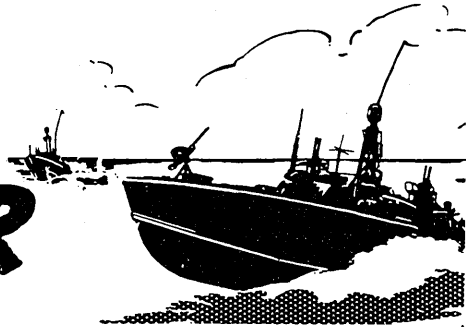
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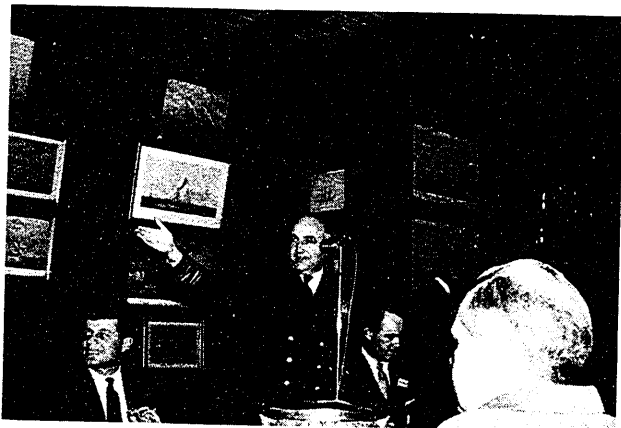
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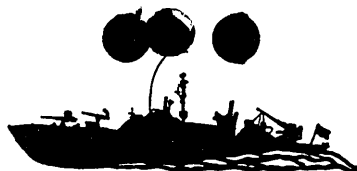


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PETER TARE, INC.
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING



TO ALL MEMBERS OF PETER TARE, INC.:

You are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the members of PETER TARE, INC., will be held on the thirtieth day of April, 1954, at 7:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the New York Yacht Club, 37 West 44th Street, New York, N. Y., for the following purposes:

1. To receive the reports of the officers of the Corporation.

2. To ratify the acts of the officers and directors of the Corporation performed from the date of the annual meeting held on April 17, 1953, to the date of the aforesaid meeting.

3. To elect Directors. The following individuals have been nominated for Directorship by the Nominating Committee*, appointed by the Board of Directors in conformance with Article VI, Section 6, of the By-Laws as amended, of the Corporation:

Hamilton H. Wood
Philip G. Haywood
George E. Cox
James A. Danver

Donald Hamilton
Martin Le Boutillier
John P. Meade
Joseph H. Moran

4. To consider such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

*The above named individuals have been nominated to fill existing vacancies in the complement of the Board of Directors. Article VI, Sec. 7, provides: OTHER NOMINATIONS OF DIRECTORS: Nominations of candidates for election as Directors may also be made by twenty-five members of the Corporation. Nominations so made shall be in writing signed by not less than twenty-five members and notice of same shall be mailed to the President at least ten days before election. Such nominees shall be added to the list of candidates by the Board.

Dated: April 5, 1954

Robert M. Snibbe
President

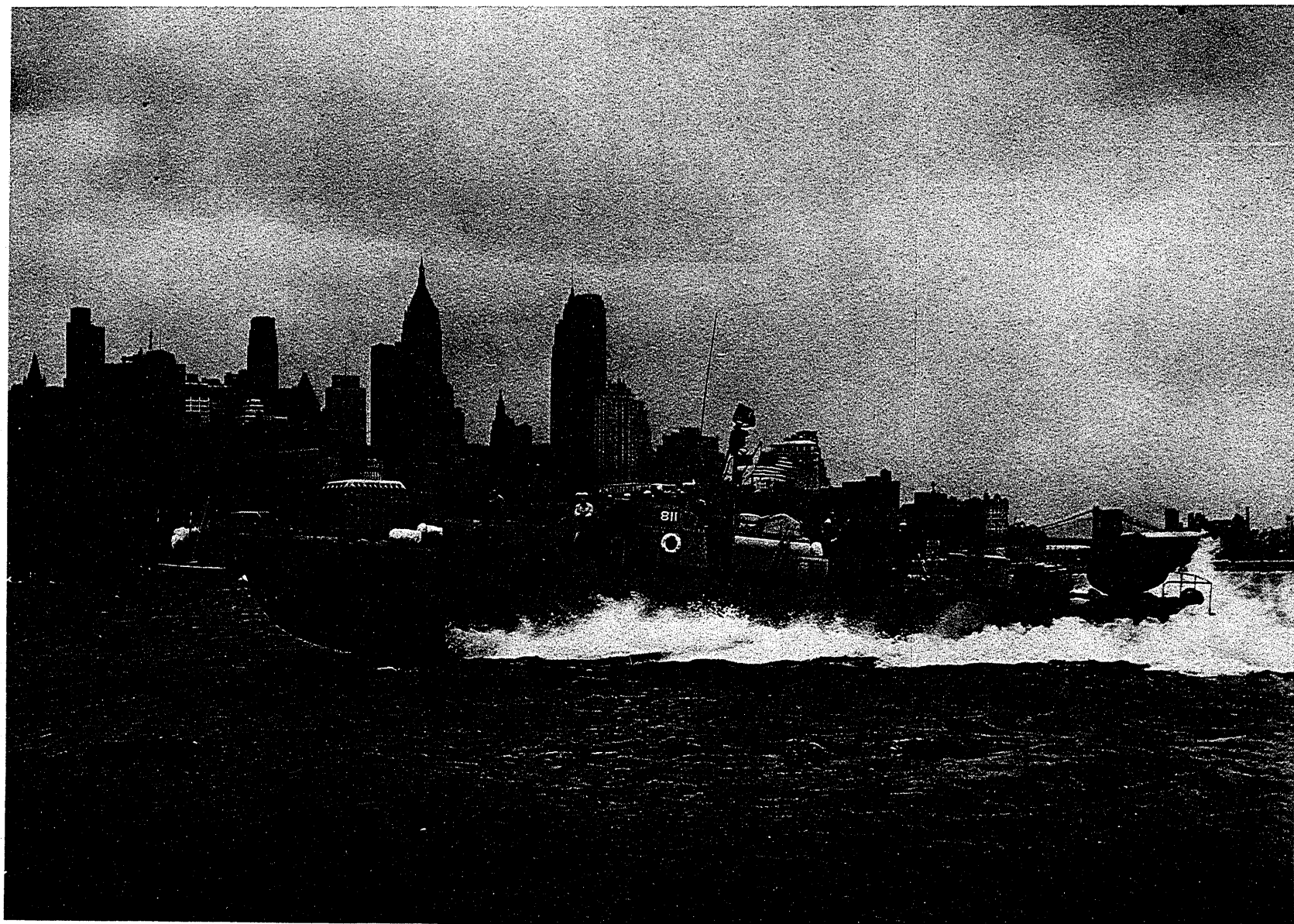
Raffle! Raffle!

When you send in your dues, toss in an extra buck for the Peter Tare super-duper raffle! Yessir, folks, the winning ticket gets a free ride, worth at least 20 dollars -- 20 -- all for the price of one Yankee dollar. He gets free registration, free ticket to stag dinner, 2 free theater tickets. So step right up. You may be the Lucky Joe!

Monthly New York Lunch

The New York Peter Tares are trying to get a regular Manhattan luncheon program going. on the first Friday of every month. They've met twice at the New Weston and once at the Yale Club so far. If you're in town, call Bob Snibbe at CH 2-6700 or Stan Lewis at JU 6-5000.

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and got a speeding ticket from harbor police.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

Op-533/grt

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APR 1954

Dear Commodore Bates:

In accordance with your request for weather information for the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth of October, 1944, to be used in Volume II of "Battle for Leyte Gulf", we are enclosing the completed charts for those dates. The weather information presented on the charts is as accurate as can be determined from the data available.

We are also enclosing Chapters I through VI of Volume II of the "Battle for Leyte Gulf" which you so kindly furnished us for our information and use in preparing the weather charts for your excellent account of this important battle.

Sincerely yours,

J. C. S. McKinnip

J. C. S. McKinnip
Captain, USN
By direction

Commodore R. W. Bates, USN
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Enclosures

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225- 3rd St.
Manhattan Beach, Calif.
9 April 1964.

Dear Admiral:

I am returning herewith the three translations which you so kindly sent me. They were most interesting and should add to, or at least verify some of the air figures for the Fifth Base Air Force and 4th Air Army. The whole subject is indeed fascinating and I know that your solutions will be painstakingly arrived at, and being definitive to the maximum degree, of great value to the service.

In between my work at SC, have just completed a decorating job on a place we had leased out. It needed the work badly and I enjoyed the renovating job. Next week Fay and I are going to SF to visit some old friends, we have been promising to visit them since they were down here for Janet's wedding, and now that Spring is here seems a good time.

The reasoning employed by Toyoda or the GHQ in dividing the First Striking Force does seem a little fuzzy. I have always believed, that the original Sho plan offered the best chance, slim as it was, of turning back Kincaid. The decision to counter-attack Halsey at the Nansei Shoto and Taiwan was bad enough, but as you say, the decisions resulting in four surface groups approaching Leyte from different directions and under separate commands, although giving lip-service to cooperation, was thoroughly unsound. If these forces were all under the tactical command of one commander, who could coordinate their actions, things would still have been chaotic. As it was the results speak for themselves. In justice though it must be admitted that the plan in effect did draw Halsey north and would have been embarrassing to Kincaid had Kurita kept on.

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As for a single force, travelling in company, it would have had a better defense against Halsey on the 24th, while Kincaid's position on the 25th (not having to engage the Surigao group) would not have been appreciably better.

I could continue this at length but had better knock off as Fay wants me to go to town with her.

You may remember this fellow Young, if not I'm sure George will. The moral seems to be kept busy.

I noted in the Journal that Bern is being ordered to the Staff NWC, presume this is the prelude to another volume by your friend Sam.

Best regards to all and our best wishes for your continued good health and success.

As ever,

Joe

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO
Op-533/cje
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20 Apr 1954

Commodore R. W. Bates, USN
Naval War College
Newport, R. I.

Dear Commodore:

It so happened that we were in the act of mailing the Leyte Gulf charts to you just as we received your letter of 31 March. The noticeable delay was due to my attempt to read the analysis thoroughly and not to any inactivity on the part of my trusty assistants.

I do not have any adverse comments concerning the analysis. I thought that it read very well and that it was very thorough.

The weather data used for the charts were not restricted to areas around the land but covered the general area of operations, though not the whole chart. Any weather data that may not have been used were considered to be too limited to provide the necessary satisfactory picture.

With the first baseball game of the season an event of the past, Spring has taken over with authority. I can visualize that quite a number of officers at the War College are planning in regard to new assignments while others are commencing to think about next year's courses.

Please remember me to Admiral Anderson and kindest personal regards to you.

Sincerely,

John Mc Killip
J.C.S. MC KILLIP
Captain, USN

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U. S. NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

In Reply
Refer To:

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- 2 JUN 1954

Commodore R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Bates:

It was a pleasure to hear from you and that things are going well at the War College. The same is true here. We are about to graduate the latest class of 370 students from the Engineering School and at the same time have on board a General Line School class of 450 officers.

In regards to your inquiry concerning Operations Analysis, I'm taking the liberty of enclosing the statement of the objectives of the curriculum as we see it. The people in this field have difficulty in agreeing on the scope, but the enclosure sets forth what we hope to accomplish.

The qualifications for entry are spelled out annually in the BuPers Instr. 1520.15A (23 March 1954 - this year). In essence, the usual technical education, including calculus, plus considerable service background represent the major requirements.

Employment, at present, is a question of education of the commands concerned. To date, the graduates have been principally assigned to the major fleet commands. We hope and anticipate a much broader assignment as the availability of graduates and the awareness of their capabilities become more general.

We believe that the Operations Analysis curriculum will produce officers of excellent capability in the analysis field. It is hoped that they will also provide a needed link between the scientist who may produce a detailed analysis and the command called upon to use the results. In this way, a major improvement in the conduct of complex operations is envisioned.

Hope this provides the information you wanted.

Very sincerely yours,


F. MOOSBRUGGER

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(1) Objective of Opns Analysis
Curriculum

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OBJECTIVE OF THE OPERATIONS ANALYSIS CURRICULUM

A. Objective

1. To better prepare officers for carrying out their duties in connection with naval operations by developing an appreciation of the effects of science and technology on naval warfare and an understanding of the analytical solution of the complex problems encountered.

2. In seeking the above objective, the educational approach will be:

a. Primarily, to educate the students in the theory and methods of operations analysis in order that they may understand the language and approach of the analyst.

b. Secondly, to educate the students in the fundamental and applied sciences in order to develop a broad understanding of the impact of progress in science and technology on naval operations and warfare.

c. Finally, to demonstrate the value of the analytical method as applied to naval operations.

B. Functions of the Graduate

1. To bring his knowledge of the analytical approach to bear on the problems encountered in his general duties.

2. To act as liaison officer with the scientist conducting operations research or analysis. His purpose here is to translate analysis into effective operational action, drawing upon his naval experience.

3. He may employ the combination of operational experience and analytical approach with particular effectiveness in the following areas:

a. Analyzing combat statistics.

b. Evaluating operational results.

c. Determining future developmental requirements.

d. Planning and conducting trials.

e. Service on evaluation boards and as umpires.

f. Determining state of training or readiness, and force requirements for military operations.

19 May 1954

Dear Commodore Bates,

Sorry to have missed saying "Good-bye" to you at the airport, but had a pleasant visit with Miss MacManus, the engaging "Skipper-in-Charge" of the Admirals' Club, and promised her I'd be sure to deliver you into her company next time.

As I suspected would happen, have already had a call for Sunk, and have instituted all possible delaying devices with firm hope that you will remember its prompt return. I'd have been better off to give you the Japanese NewsLetter.

So that you wont think my ramblings of a year or two ago about the importance of the Japanese Z-Plan to have been a silly notion of mine, I wish to call your attention to Mashbir I Was An American Spy p.44, where the man who suggested the thing to me (Mashbir) gives his opinion of it in black ~~on~~ white.

I'm having a difficult time trying to convince my wife that you are not one of the most thoughtful and gallant gentlemen in the world. And my three youngsters are firmly of the opinion that Commodore Bates is some close kin to Mr. S. Claus. Must confess the candy was delicious, both pieces that I managed to wangle.

Enjoyed your too-brief visit, luncheon, and conversation, and look forward to your next time in D.C.

As always,

Roger

Roger Pineau
CNO, Op-291-0
Navy Department
Washington 25, D.C.

Commodore R. W. Bates USN
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF MILITARY HISTORY

Rear Admiral Thomas H. Robbins, Jr., USN
President
Naval War College
Newport, R. I.

Dear Admiral Robbins:

Commodore R. W. Bates of your staff has expressed interest in the historical study, Leyte: Return to the Philippines, that was prepared by this Office. This volume will be published in the early fall.

I am forwarding on a 120 day loan basis an unmarked copy of the page proofs in order to provide your staff with an interim reference work.

As this is a history of the army operations in the area, I do not believe that it will be of great value for your purposes. However, I am sending it on for what use you desire to make of it.

Sincerely,

A. C. SMITH
Major General, USA
Chief, Military History

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF MILITARY HISTORY

Commodore R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, R. I.

Dear Commodore Bates:

Dr. Morton has shown me your letter of 27 May 1954, in which you asked for a loan of the manuscript copy of Leyte: Return to the Philippines.

As this is an history of the Army operations in the area, I do not believe you would find additional material of value for your purposes. However, we are sending you through the President of the Naval War College, a copy of the page proof of the volume for a loan of 120 days.

It is now expected that the completed volume will be printed and available for distribution in the early fall.

Sincerely,

A. C. SMITH
Major General, USA
Chief, Military History

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J. JOSEPH SULLIVAN
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW
ONE ELEVEN SUTTER STREET
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June 22, 1954

VIA AIR MAIL

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Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

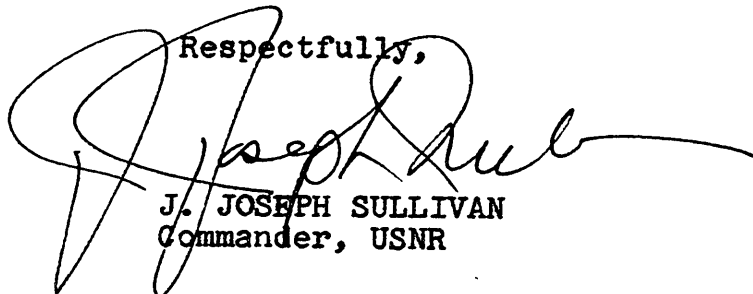
Dear Sir:

Many thanks for causing me to be included in the Senior Reserve Officers Refresher Course and Global Strategy Discussions. The sole regret is that the agenda is so full and active that I did not get sufficient time to spend in the Battle Evaluation Section.

Tiny Bates is an asset of whom you can be proud. He was well received. Of course, such qualities Tiny manifests run in the family. I believe they do.

Again many thanks.

Respectfully,



J. JOSEPH SULLIVAN
Commander, USNR

JJS:tt

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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
CHARLOTTESVILLE

Encl.

1 July 1954

Capt. R. W. Bates, USN (Ret'd)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Rafe:

Thank you for your letter of 21 June 1954, and I am glad to learn that you are writing a work on the Battle of Surigao Strait.

In regard to your questions, I believe that the battle line increased speed to 15 knots because we were having considerable difficulty at keeping position at 5 knots. I do not remember the name of Weyler's chief of staff as he had several while I was there.

I am sorry this is not more specific, but it is the best I can do from memory.

Your old friend,

H. J. Redfield

H. J. Redfield
Rear Admiral (Ret'd)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO
Op-29/pam

7 July 1954

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USNR (Ret.)
Naval War College
Newport
Rhode Island

Dear Rafe:

Op-02 has transferred Mrs. Tanaka to this division (Op-29), for ninety days. Meanwhile, I am trying to make an arrangement which I believe will be satisfactory all around.

Our thought is to employ Mrs. Tanaka on the matter of microfilming the more important Japanese records so that when the Japanese Government asks for and has these records returned to them we will have micro-filmed copies.

We have consulted with Dr. Bahmer, the Deputy Archivist of the United States.

Will you arrange to have an official letter sent from the President of the Naval War College to CNO along these general lines? --- The letter should state that the President of the War College understands that the Director of Naval History is attempting to arrange for the microfilming of the more important Japanese naval records of World War II. The letter should recommend that this policy be followed through to completion and state that the War College endorses the plan and would like to have a copy of the microfilm set when it is completed.

I propose to get a similar letter from Sam Morison and then get the assistance of ONI and the CIA in arranging for the money. Mrs. Tanaka and Roger Pineau will be the Japanese experts in doing this work.

I will very much appreciate your assistance in obtaining the letter from the War College.

As ever,


JOHN B. HEFFERNAN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

in reply
IN REPLY REFER TO

8 July 1954

Dear Commodore Bates:

I received your letter of 2 July today and was very much surprised to learn that you had not been informed of the latest developments with regard to my job.

On 29 June, I was informed through Mr. Pineau that my job was to be shifted to OP-29 from 1 July and that funds had been allocated to enable me to continue working until 30 September 1954. This was verified by OP-28 (Personnel) which I called. OP-28 moreover assured me that you were informed on this matter, and this is the reason I have not written to you.

Today, upon receiving your letter, I checked with Admiral Heffernan's office and learned that a letter which had been written informing you of the action taken with regard to me had not been sent. It would appear that it had been mislaid. Admiral Heffernan is also apparently contemplating a new project for me upon termination of my present work, and it is my understanding that you will be informed about this. I as yet have been given only the sketchiest of information with regard to this new project, so I am unable to comment on it one way or the other.

I must apologize for being so remiss in my writing, but I was under the impression that you had been kept informed all along. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you have done for me. I am deeply appreciative of the efforts which you have made to retain me.

With very best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Lily Y. Tanaka

Lily Y. Tanaka

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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IN REPLY REFER TO
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12 July 1954

Commodore R. W. Bates, USN
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Commodore Bates:

Thank you for your letter and your kind words.

We will take action to have 100 copies of the Leyte Gulf volume shipped directly to the War College for your immediate use.

As to the volumes on Coral Sea, Midway, and Savo, we would need from you an official request as to their disposition. Please indicate how many of each volume you wish to transfer.

This request should be addressed to the Chief of Naval Personnel, attention Pers-Cl15.

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel:

Sincerely yours,

J. J. Hession

J. J. HESSION
Head, Training Publications Section

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